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(U) NATIONAL

(U) Connecticut – FBI Investigating Whether Plane Crash was Intentional

(U) Greenbelt – Federal law enforcement sources said today that the FBI is investigating whether the crash of a small plane in Hartford was an intentional act. The crash of the twin engine aircraft yesterday afternoon killed one person and one other was taken to the hospital. The plane, which took off with a student and flight instructor at Hartford-Brainard Airport, was attempting to land at the airport when it crashed. The State Police Central District Crime Squad is processing the crime scene in East Hartford and detectives from the Fire and Explosion Investigations Unit also have been called into the investigation as have detectives assigned to the counterterrorism unit from the state police.

SOURCE: 12 October 2016, [Hartford Courant](#)

(U) District of Columbia – ISIL Targeting Foreign Troops with Explosive-Laden Drones

(U) Washington – Militant groups like Hezbollah and the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) have learned how to weaponize surveillance drones and use them against each other and foreign forces, adding a new twist to Syria's civil war, a US military official and others say. A video belonging to an al Qaeda offshoot, Jund al-Aqsa, purportedly shows a drone landing on Syrian military barracks. In another video, small explosives purportedly dropped by the Iran-backed Shiite militant group Hezbollah target the Sunni militant group Jabhat Fatah al-Sham, formerly known as the Nusra Front. In the first reported instance of Western forces being targeted with a drone, the French government confirmed today that two of the country's special operations troops were injured by an ISIL drone rigged with explosives in northern Iraq, where they were operating alongside Kurdish Peshmerga.

SOURCE: 12 October 2016, [CBS News](#)

(U) Florida – Hezbollah Associates Arrested for Money Laundering

(U) Miami – Three alleged associates of the Lebanese terrorist group Hezbollah purportedly laundered \$500,000 from a Colombian drug cartel through South Florida banks in a case that underscores the growing collaboration between organized crime groups in Latin America and Middle Eastern terror groups. Mohammad Ahmad Ammar, a 32-year-old who was living in Colombia, has been charged in Florida with felony money laundering, while another suspect has been arrested in France. A third is still on the loose. Ammar's arrest was the result of a DEA investigation into Colombian cocaine operations which has led to the arrest of dozens of drug trafficking and money-laundering suspects.

SOURCE: 11 October 2016, [Fox News Latino](#)

(U) Maryland – Man Charged in ISIL Case Ordered Held

(U) Greenbelt – A citizen of Bangladesh who was living in Maryland and has been charged with attempting to provide material support and resources to ISIL has been ordered held while he awaits trial. Nelash Mohamed Das of Hyattsville was ordered held during a court hearing yesterday. The 24-year-old Das was arrested on 30 September. Court documents say he was ready to carry out what he

thought was an attack on a member of the US military when he was arrested. The supposed attack was set up by a confidential informant for the FBI.

SOURCE: 11 October 2016, [Associated Press](#)

(U) New Mexico – 12 Convicted in New Mexico Drug Ring

(U) Las Cruces – A dozen New Mexico, West Texas and Mexico residents have been convicted in federal court in connection with a regional drug trafficking group that used "backpackers" and 18-wheelers to smuggle drugs across the New Mexico border, officials said. Federal agents seized more than \$267,000 in drug profits during a multi-agency investigation of what authorities described as a major Mexican drug trafficking organization that transported large amounts of marijuana, cocaine and heroin. The US Attorney's Office in New Mexico said 12 of 20 people indicted a year ago have been arrested and convicted. Eight other suspects, who are all Mexican citizens, are fugitives.

SOURCE: 11 October 2016, [El Paso Times](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Iraq – ISIL Prepares for Offensive Against Mosul

(U) Mosul – ISIL militants have placed booby traps across the city of Mosul, dug tunnels and recruited children as spies in anticipation of an offensive to dislodge the group from their Iraqi stronghold, Iraqi and US officials said. Mosul, home to up to 1.5 million people, has been the headquarters of ISIL's self-declared caliphate in northern Iraq since 2014 and the militants are making complex preparations to prevent Iraqi security forces, backed by a US-led coalition, taking it back.

SOURCE: 11 October 2016, [Reuters](#)

(U) Germany – Germany Sees 213,000 New Asylum Seekers So Far this Year

(U) Berlin – Germany's interior minister says some 213,000 asylum-seekers have arrived in the country this year, keeping it on course for a far lower total in 2016 than last year's 890,000. Minister Thomas de Maiziere said today the number of newcomers "is still declining but remains significant." He said the figure he gave for the year's first nine months reflects the number who "actually registered and entered." De Maiziere's ministry said 272,185 people were registered in a computer system between January and September as incoming asylum-seekers — 15,618 in September, in line with the previous five months' figures.

SOURCE: 12 October 2016, [Associated Press](#)

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